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Dear Paul,

Your letter of the 18th makes me, again, lament the impossibility of having anyone read my ms before what has to be final typing. By now I think you have a pretty good idea of the amount of work I do, and if I were to rewrite any one book it would take the time required to write another. I now have in hand more than enough for three more and I do continue looking for more-and find it. I read your letter when it arrived this a.m. and recall enough of the content to know you made valid points, including, perhaps, the opinion the attacks on Wie, Hanes and Foreman were overdone. Were these things to be done more quietly, more subtly, they would also be more effective, I'm satisfied. I had to go to the post office a short while ago and was discussing this with my wife. She said something that is perhaps close to true, that writing this way is therapeutic for me. I feel this so if I did not get the passion out it would poison. A year and a half ago I discussed this with Matt Hebron. He had a very good idea, but it turned out to be like belling the cat. He hoped on of our small group who he knows well and says can afford it would get a bright young person to move in and be my editor-in-residence.

Perhaps I failed to make my real attitude toward the prosecution clear. It is not at all that they are incompetents, any more than the WC lawyers are. They simply did the job they had to do. -like bishops, they are ill suited to picking pockets.

When you use the word "primarily" I agree with your doubt "Wie and Hanes were motivated by financial gain (how about Foreman?). Neither one lost sight of it and I'd like to know what Hanes ultimately got from Foreman and whether or not it was Foreman's. Percy has dough, but he doesn't spend it this way, witness chiselling the State for legal assistance.

I wish I thought it possible to get the book published (meaning printed) now. I am so broke! And no one turns on. I can't even get a black to read it. However, when I can get enough together I want to get the master xeroxed and send a first and clear xerox to you for additional copies. I will then copyright and will let some copies be seen by those who might, as I see it, put the contents to good use. We are also filing a suit against the government on this. There is always the chance that will attract enough attention to facilitate publication.

There are other, outside possibilities. Bud is satisfied there is enough to justify disbarments (which will not likely happen). He is satisfied there is more than enough for a new trial. We have an appointment with an ACLU lawyer on this next week. This is another reason I want to sit tight on this stuff, for I do not want word to get out for example, to Ray's present "lawyers". Bud also has a Tennessee editor in mind, and any word getting out would take the edge off in this department. Meanwhile, I have accumulated an enormous appendix for this part of the book. I doubt it can be included, unless there were to be subsidy to make a real study of it, and what an appendix it is. At the moment I can make no mention of it. Someone was able to get it for me but got it under conditions which stipulate I cannot now mention. As soon as I clean up a few things I have to make a study of what I've just scanned. Then I'll be going over both parts of the book and I'll pick up your corrections. We may have caught some of the typos.

My hopes for Lena are long-range. He has been valuable, knows more and someone deliberately turned him off. So I handle it this way. I met a Jewish woman through him, at the Habana, before Passover a year ago. She invited me to her home for the holiday but I wasn't in N.O. Don't know if she is Bessie or not. Until I see the document I can have no solid opinion, but would you go farther? You say "it is pretty clear Liebel had this CD on hand when he questioned Lena." Would

you believe it possible the document was prepared with that in mind?...I'd forgotten your persuasive argument that the informants are renumbered for each report. Makes sense.

Eugene Hobbs: Only the suspicion he may be the man Guy Johnson told me about, reported to both Aubert and ONI, and not in ONI file(perhaps in removed pages because it related to homosexuality).

My cards show I do have CD246:18-26, 1, 1a only.

Poor Xeroxes: common. When I think they can make better ones I simply ask for them. Simmons knows and will say. But when next I'm there I'll try and remember to ask him about it. I forget so much!

Your last para page 1: wrong conclusion. They have a card file of all SS Cont. Nos. Simmons told me. If I have CD498, I filed it before starting a card file and do not recall it. From what you say, I'd very much like a copy of that. My knowledge in this area is advancing steadily. The medical stuff gets stickier and stickier. Without recalling the reference, until daylight, when I can see better, this remains obscure to me.

N.O. papers: you are right. I will continue getting them, but I go through them in such haste I hope someone else will also continue (I'm not electing you). I have other interests, in people unknown to others of us.

Thanks for straightening me out on Charlottesville. I did take this to mean he is now there. Does Ma Bell indicate he is in practise? Do you have both home and office phones? If you do, I'd like to have them. I may, eventually, get there. I'll be writing you more about this after a while. I scanned the London Times articles. I noted this phone numbers: 43-26-94 (Davison's), 43-26-97 and 94-89-73. Checking Jim's list, I found one has the same four digits as the SEPost phone, quite a coincidence.

N.O.-544: agreed. I'm not doing anything until I have a firm feeling of what is to happen. I'll help if there will be responsibility and because there is much there that must be aired. Perhaps I'll know more after Moo gets here. Spoke to him last week. He's exhausted after the campaign and they are helping back. And in any event, not if it is to be one way, as it has been.

I do not have CD67:515. I take it you've gotten first page only. How many pages is it. I think I'd like to go over all of it carefully.

Have you tried to get CD966 enclosure? I have a reference to IM appendix on it but do not now recall it and that is packed up.

Many thanks for all the things. Went to write Gary before bedtime and it is near ten. Best to everyone,

Sincerely,